

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week is EYFS lots of spooky things have been happening! We have been exploring different pumpkins - looking at their shape, size and colour. We also dissected them and made comments on what we could see, smell and feel. Morrisons came in to school to give a talk about fruits and where they come from and they kindly gave us all a pumpkin to take home too! We have had a go at writing simple captions such as bat, cat and hat to match spooky pictures. We have also been practicing our new sounds g, o, c and k. In Maths we have been exploring shapes in the environment and practising the correct names. It has been a busy but fabulous start back to school!

**Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been learning about the difference between fiction and non fiction books. In our writing we have been describing fireworks using adjectives and WOW words. In maths we have been comparing a set of 2 numbers and saying which number is bigger or smaller. In phonics we have learnt a new sound 'oy'. We also had a lovely time with our visitors from Morrison's who brought lots of fruits and vegetables for us to explore, taste and learn about.

**Year 2** Back with a bang! Already strange goings on at school have resulted in Y2 finding a Polar Bear, yes a Polar Bear, in one of the freezers used by the Kitchen staff. The Polar bear was holding a story called 'The Bear' by Raymond Briggs. Maybe your child could explain to you what happened in the story? In Maths we have begun to learn a formal method to solve addition and subtraction calculations. The children have been practicing this all week using pictorial methods, resources and then writing the calculations formally. We have also begun a Science topic relating to materials. The children have learnt about the suitability of certain materials for different objects and answered the question, "Should a knight's armour be made from wood?" A quick reminder to all parents/carers that PE for Y2 is on a Wednesday/a Thursday and Show & Tell is on a Thursday!

**Year 3** Wow! What a great start to this half term in year 3. Time has proved to be a little tricky for some in maths, but others are managing to tell the time with both analogue and digital clocks. Literacy has been linked with our science topic healthy eating and digestion. We've been learning all about report writing, including paragraphs. We're looking forward to reading your homework food diaries and trying to classify all the yummy things you've been eating. We're also looking forward to Class 8's sharing assembly on Wednesday. We have so much to share with our grown ups. Oh and there's firework pictures too. Phew!

**Year 4** Year 4 have come back with lots of enthusiasm. In maths we have been looking at place value and adding multiples of 10s, 100s, 100s using a Gattegno Charts. In literacy we wrote our own ending to Hansel and Gretel, we tried to use lots of our Year 4 writing skills including inverted commas, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. We have a science day look at how to muffle sound using a variety of materials to insulate a buzzer. The children enjoyed using the sound recorder to measure the volume and had to practice being very quiet! In PE this half term will be starting netball. We will also be starting out new class text next week.

**Year 5** Wow! I didn't know that! Why did that happen? Can I do that using different materials? Where can I see that?" These are just some of the questions generated by our budding scientists this week! We have been investigating materials and their properties, looking at soluble and insoluble materials and we have inflated a balloon without using the air from our lungs! The children have been generating their own questions about the properties of materials and have been using their scientific minds to find out the answers. We also found time outside of the lab to practice our netball skills, practice timetables and spellings and we even had time to have our photos taken. What a busy week!

**Year 6** It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas... Well, at least in Year 6! Fully recharged from our half term break we have started to delve into our new text, 'A Christmas Carol,' a firm favourite in Year 6. We have spent time evaluating the character of Scrooge, finding evidence from the text to support our deductions. In Mathematics we have been consolidating our knowledge of multiplication and are beginning to understand the importance of knowing our times tables! Our scientific hats have been on as we designed and carried out an investigation from scratch: does the distance an object is from a light source affect the size of the shadow? We were seriously tested as we grappled with anomalies in our results as well as ensuring that our investigation was carried out under fair conditions. Our Topic lessons have taken a slight deviation from the Industrial Revolution as we learn about the Victorian era. We have been getting to know Queen Victoria.

**Music** This week Y5 learned about Ivy Benson and her all girl Big Band who were the band in residence at the BBC during the war years. They had to fight their corner to be respected in a male dominated industry but went on to perform right up until 1982. See if you can listen to some more of her music on Youtube. Y6 were in groups this week to create their own arrangements of one of the 12 Bar Blue songs we have been learning. They selected additional instruments to add colour to their arrangements. Y3 composed their own fish music in groups as part of a whole class aquarium inspired by 'Carnival of the Animals' by Saint-Saens. Y4 have returned to the recorder and are beginning to work on Mamma Mia by Abba.